

BASEBALL TALK

Question Whether Jennings Can Break Another Record.

No Major Team Ever Won Four Successive Pennants.

EXPECTED TO GO BACK

Generally Believed That Tigers Are Growing Stale.

Items of Interest Concerning Western League.

Hugh Ambrose Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers, and inventor of the battle cry of "We-ah!" whose specialty is smashing records, has a chance to fracture another record this season. Four-time winners in the American or National leagues are unknown—in fact, the only team in a major organization that won four flags in a row was Charley Comiskey's famous St. Louis Browns of the old American association. If Jennings can pilot his Juggernaut to the top again this year he will have accomplished a task that proved a major league record. Jennings, who made the command of a club that finished in front three years in succession. None of them, however, could win the pennant for the fourth consecutive time, says the Pittsburgh Courier.

Anson had the chance in 1883, Seale in 1894, Hanlon in 1897, Clarke in 1904 and Chance in 1909. The Chicago team, which carries off the honors in 1890, 1891 and 1892, finished second in 1893, being forty-one points behind Boston. The Boston club led the field in 1891, 1892 and 1893, and finished third in the race of 1894, Baltimore winning the pennant, with New York as the runner-up.

The pace-makers of 1894, 1895 and 1896 were the Baltimore Orioles, one of whom was Hugh Jennings, distributor of baseball records. In 1897 the Bostonians wrested the championship title from the Orioles, who made a gallant effort to enter the ranks of the four-time winners. The Marylanders failed to do so, however, and when the final result was in, the Boston team's average of victors was .765 and Baltimore's .693.

Only Three in a Row.

The 1897 destination of the pennant hinged on the result of the final series played in Baltimore between the Orioles and the Beaneaters. When the set of games started, on Friday, September 24, the Orioles were on top, but the Beaneaters, who were the top run of the championship ladder, though their advantage in the percentage column was not one point. The first game between the rivals of the lead resulted in a Boston victory by a score of 6 to 4. Charley (Kid) Nichols pitching against Joe Corbett and W. Arlington Pond. On Saturday, September 25, the tables were turned, the Beaneaters, with Bill Hoffer in the rifle pit, trimmed the tribe of Seale, 6 to 3. Fred Klebanows was Boston's gunner.

The Bay Staters captured the deciding game of the series, played on Monday, September 27 by a score of 10 to 10. Kid Nichols, who had turned, while for the Orioles Joe Corbett, Jerry Nops, Bill Hoffer and Morris Amole occupied the slab. Eleven solid raps, five of them doubles, netted the Boston nine runs in the seventh inning, and won for them the championship of 1897. To this day the enthusiasm of the Monumental City, unlike those of the places, speak of the "unlucky seventh."

The fourth National league combination to win three banners in a row was Pittsburgh. The team, never commanded by Fred Clarke, topped the list in 1901, 1902 and 1903. The next year they fell off badly, dropping to fourth position. After that, it was the Giants, the Cubs and the Reds. Pittsburgh's 1904 record was .569, that of the pennant-winning New York club, .694.

Last year the Cubs, with Frank Leroy Chance directing them, had the opportunity to become four-time winners, and made the grade so far. They were not to be, however, as they were not to be for Johnny Kling joining the holdout brigade. The Windy City troupe ran a poor second to the Pirates and were forty-four points behind the Corsairs when the season ended.

Until Jennings entered the American league that year, he never knew what it was to have a team that finished first more than two years in succession. Chicago won the banner in 1890 and 1891, and then lost the trick in 1903 and 1904. Jennings shattered precedent last year by piloting the Tigers to the top for the third consecutive time, and now he is out to win another flag with his Royal Densets.

Tigers Getting Stale.

It is the general opinion that H. Ambrose will experience tremendous difficulty in keeping the American league pennant in Detroit for another year. Fans think the Tigers are destined to go back, and go back badly. In 1910, the next campaign from the east, either Philadelphia or Boston, will be found at the top at the end of the campaign.

As the way the experts see it, the Tigers have reached the limit of their power. Ty Cobb, of course, will not slow up, but it looked last year as if Sam Crawford was just about getting ready to have a slump. Matty McIntyre, the pride of Port Richmond, did go back a lot last season—no much so, in fact, that Dave Jones became Detroit's regular account of left field. Dave will have the left field assignment again this year and McIntyre will warm the bench and act in the capacity of pinch hitter and emergency runner.

Detroit's infield doesn't look nearly as good as Philadelphia's, and the Tiger catchers are not as clever as Connie Mack's set of wind-paddists. The star of the jungle team's inner works is Charlie Bush. Tom Jones isn't a good first baseman, and the selection of Jones is only a fair second sacker. Jim, casting the ball, and that is about all. As a third baseman Moriarty, former Highlander, has many superior in the big leagues. For George, however, must be said that he has it on 90 per cent of the players in the Johnson organization when it comes to an infield. He is the kind of athlete Jennings fans regard as a pebble and unaware of the word "quilt."

Detroit has an excellent set of pitchers, though two of them, Wild Bill Donovan and George Mullin—are aging. Donovan had a bad season that year, but he may come back with bells on in the next campaign. Mullin is an inside out, good one year and poor the next. Eddie Killian has seen his best days, but he still is able to trim teams like Washington and St. Louis. Kiekapou

FIRST PICTURE OF JOHN L. SULLIVAN AND HIS BRIDE.



Most romantic is the story of the wedding of John L. Sullivan, and Miss Katharine Hartnett, which took place last week. The bride was a friend of the ex-champion pugilist in his boyhood days. A few years ago when John L. was ill and threatened with blindness she nursed him back to health. The culmination of the romance was the wedding. The newly married couple left immediately for a wedding tour of Europe.

Summers, though he fell down in the winter's series, is a master of his art and probably will be as troublesome as ever to all the American league teams. Eddie Willett has the makings of a great pitcher in him. His main fault is that he lacks command. Ralph Worke is a twirler of promise and great things are expected of Lelwell, a left-hander purchased from the Mobile club. Lelwell, who is a brother of the Washington outfielder, had a sore arm when he joined the Michiganders last fall and was of little use to them.

Can Jennings Win Again?

Whether the Tigers are to keep up in the race, many persons think, will depend on the new players picked up by Scouts Frank Dwyer and Bobby Lowe. Casey, a catcher from the Little Rock team, who is about the same build as Dentist Jimmy, is being highly touted. Pete Lister, last year with Williamsport and once with the Clevelanders, may take Tom Jones' place at first base. Lister led the Triflers in batting last year, having an average of .350.

Jennings is well prepared for the possible emergency of some of his star boxmen going back to the Detroit team's scouts rounded up several exceedingly promising pitchers. The Tiger sleuths went after men who did a lot of work and landed for Hughie Harden, from Rock Island, worked often than any other flinger in the Central association. Browning of San Francisco, who is a little fellow, pitched 50 games in the Pacific Coast league, and his services were sought by seven other major league teams.

Jennings, who may shatter tradition and win another pennant for Detroit, and thus place his name alongside Charles Comiskey's as a big league manager, who has boasted a four-time winner, but many persons who follow baseball closely do not think he will succeed in the task which proved too much for Adrian Constantine Anson, Frank Seale, Ned Hanlon, Frederick Clarke and Frank Leroy Chance.

The Western league schedule meeting is being held at Chicago today. If Topeka is as lucky as she was last year in securing good dates there will be no objection from this end of the circuit.

Our old friend, Miner Brown, is a holdout. Well, here's a wager that he'll be on hand when the first game is called. Remember, Murray, that things are entirely in Chance's hands.

Roger Bresnahan at least seems to be making some good trades. In which role he is sustaining the David Harum reputation of his predecessor, McCloskey.

But if Kling does get back to those Cubs and Evers reports on the dot, won't the Pirates have a picnic?

Donlin promises to let us know by March 8 whether it will be the diamond or meal ticket, Glidap.

Either the Western League boasts phenomenal sluggers or the pitchers of that circuit are below par. Twenty-six players in that organization batted better than .300, according to the figures of President O'Neill. Welch, of Omaha, headed the list with .372. Rocky Holmes was third with .357—Leslie's Weekly.

President Fairweather and Manager Towne of Sioux City have opened an office and hereafter all baseball business will be transacted there.

There is considerable talk around the circuit about umpires. Some sport writers are becoming impatient and they demand to know who will hold the stick in the opening and closing games, as proposed in the schedule.

Harry Eells, who left the Packers last Tuesday, was unable to get into condition, was in Sioux City yesterday. He is traveling for a cigar house.

Pennant winners are still being picked. It's lots of fun to figure out this dope on paper, but the peculiar thing is that it seldom comes out as you figure it. At this writing Denver has the most votes for the 1910 flag—Sioux City Tribune.

The American association schedule, as proposed by the circuit's committee, composed of Tebeau of Kansas City, Watkins of Indianapolis, and Cantillon of Minneapolis, will open April 12 and close on September 27, making 168 games. The eastern teams will oppose the eastern teams and the western teams will oppose the western teams in the opening and closing games, as proposed in the schedule.

Doc White, of Comiskey's team, has joined the ranks of the holdouts. Doc doesn't need press notices, so he must be in earnest and want an increase in his pay check.

The sport writers of Omaha allege that the Wichita team is tramping on their rights by using the cognomen "The Jobbers," because the volume of jobbing business done in Omaha is several times greater than in the berg on the Kansas prairies. As a substitute for the name of the "Bald Eagles." This would be suitable for the reason that their leader has a pate that shines like a billiard ball, and that the city is the home of the

KANSAS NEWS.

Sixth District May See Some Fun Politically.

Hays B. White and R. W. Turner Neighbors.

BOTH FROM MANKATO.

May Be Opposing Candidates for Congress.

Rawlins County Treasurer Making Good Officially.

Mankato, Kan., Feb. 16.—Some political fun may yet come out of the next election in the state so far as the Sixth district is concerned. Mankato is a town of many fine residences. One of them is owned and occupied by Hays B. White, Republican candidate for the primary nomination for congress, and the other is that of R. W. Turner, who has many times been mentioned for the same honor by his political friends in the minority party. These houses are opposite each other, and the two men to break over fence and east a ball at each other as being the best kind of a neighbor. This of itself speaks well for each man. But they have been opposite in politics. White being a Republican, who is always a champion for his party, and Turner being an Independent who for years has had strong Democratic leanings, but has often in state and local politics supported many Republicans as well as Democrats. It is thought that if the Republicans nominate White that Turner would be out to break over fence and east a ball at each other. It would be hard to tell what these men would do if one should be nominated by the Republicans and the other by the Democrats. Very likely each would retain the respect of the other and there would be no dirty work countenanced.

If the Sixth district Republicans refuse to "draft" John Dawson for attorney general then the district is apt to have one candidate in the primary before the primary election. By many of his friends it is believed the present state superintendent of public instruction, E. T. Patschinsky, will be the pressure and again be a candidate. His home is in Ellsworth county. John Dawson is an old Graham county boy. He is a member of a law firm in Ellsworth county seat, Dawson, too, can be put down for a Sixth district boy, and when he fires of politics it is safe to bet that he will hit back to old Hill City and Graham county and again be one among them.

Thirty-one years ago the editor of the Cawker City Record was busy enough to walk from Cawker City to Beloit about 20 miles. Now when he takes a trip he pays out his hand earned cash.

The town of Cedar made a good deed last year, securing a bank and a hotel. This year the town wants to start out with the right foot and secure a harness shop and furniture store.

The name of the county treasurer of Rawlins county is Frank Prochazka. He is making good his official duties, if his name is hard to pronounce and spell correctly.

ITEMS FROM HILL CITY.

Investments in Graham County a Safe Proposition.

Hill City, Kan., Feb. 16.—It seems, from outside reports, that it is as hard to get a house to rent in Bogus or Morlan as it is in Hill City. This prevailing condition speaks well for Graham county and is evidence that an investment in this section is a safe proposition. Prosperity is advancing rapidly in our lands and the east hill section one of the wealthiest in the state. If the "steadiness" continues the property owners will soon be independent rich. The return on last year's team, players on last year's team whom the directors wish to have but not yet made sent contracts. Secretary Mitchell tells us that he has the contracts on file and on file: Walter Snyder, catcher, of Oakdale, Illinois; Frank L. Kelley, infielder, Portland, Indiana; Frank Martin, infielder, Wilson, Kansas; F. A. Ephraim, infielder, Gas City, Kansas; and Guy Martin, outfielder, Sullivan, Illinois.

The managers have not yet been fully decided upon. Several applications from good men have been received but it will be possibly a week before a selection will be made.

ADOPTS LONG SCHEDULE.

American Association Will Play 168 Games This Year, Opening April 13.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The American association adopted 168 game schedule, opening on April 13 and closing on September 25, at its annual spring meeting here.

Action on the proposed amendments, any revision of the constitution, was deferred until a special meeting of the league which will be held here on May 3. The meeting was harmonious.

Following are the opening games: April 13, Indianapolis at Toledo; Louisville at Columbus; Minneapolis at Milwaukee; St. Paul at Kansas City.

Starts New Dining Hall.

I have opened a new and up to date dining hall at 119 West Sixth street in the building formerly known as the Ladies' Exchange, now owned by Topeka lodge No. 40, I. O. O. F. Meals 15 cents.

FABULOUS PRICES FOR LAND.

Central Kansas is Enjoying an Unprecedented Sale of Farms.

Salina, Kan., Feb. 16.—It is a common expression in central Kansas that the people are becoming "land crazy." There never was a time when such fabulous prices for land were paid as are being paid in central Kansas. A man wants to sell his land at a good price, he advertises an auction sale, and the land is sold at a better price by this method than otherwise.

In the last week in this county one farm of 218 acres sold at auction for more than \$29,000, and a half section of land was sold to two men, Albert Larsen and Henry Swendburg, for an aggregate sum of \$11,000. The half section was without improvements of any nature. Almost every county is

having farm sales at auction, and in the last week the best sale of this kind was made in Jewell county. Lem Wolfe was the highest bidder on a tract of 150 acres, and paid \$15,200 or an average of \$102 an acre. On the same day Jacob Zipse purchased an adjoining tract of forty-one acres, paying \$4,500, or an average of \$110 an acre. The forty-one acres had absolutely no improvements.

DECATUR INSTITUTE.

Farmers Are Gathered at Oberlin—Interesting Program.

Oberlin, Ind., Feb. 16.—The Decatur county farmers' institute in session here for two days is largely attended. The several topics discussed were of local interest to the farmers and doubtless will result in great good. C. H. Hinman of the Agricultural college was present and spoke on the subject of "Corn Improvement by Breeding as Applied to Decatur County." He was assisted by R. B. Ward of Belleville, who gave some helpful suggestions drawn from his observations of European agriculture. Other questions discussed were by Tom McKay on the subject of "Corn and the Best Methods of Securing Seed and Cultivation." He is also one of the few farmers in the county who raised a good crop in 1909. The subject of "Wheat Culture" was discussed by J. W. Smith, J. E. Danielson and Gabriel Brown. "The Relation of the Farmer to the Advanced Cost of Living" was the subject given to W. S. Langmade. "Growing of Fruit and Fruit Trees in the Semi-Arid Section" was the subject of the remarks by W. D. Street. The live stock interests of Decatur county were discussed by J. H. Hoadley, S. J. O'Brien, J. E. Danielson, J. H. Hoadley, H. C. La Tourette, J. N. Raiston, James Stinson, Fred Wiggins and others. All the general subjects have been especially active and interesting.

The two days' session was opened with a happy address of welcome by H. O. Caster.

President, T. M. Anderson, and secretary, F. F. Bliss, were present at every session of the institute.

Decatur county is raising some fruit, as the samples on exhibition at the institute will show. Samples of apples exhibited by W. D. Street, who raised about 250 bushels last year; A. H. Hollister, who had about 500 bushels, besides feeding his wife and children's hogs. He has two acres in orchard. F. F. Bliss raises all kinds of fruit, including cherries, peaches and apples. Besides furnishing his own household with enough cherries for a year or more he sold not less than 25 bushels. J. K. Stiner, D. P. Gilder, T. J. Spear and others are also engaged in the fruit raising industry.

The women of Decatur county who are in the poultry business came in for a share in the institute proceedings. "Producing Eggs in Winter" was the subject of the paper read by Mrs. T. B. Wolfe, and Mrs. W. S. Langmade read one entitled, "Some of My Experiences in Raising Chickens." The two papers were highly entertaining and went to show that the farmers' wives of Decatur county are not afraid to help their husbands in the great poultry and egg center.

ASKS REMISSION OF FINE.

Atchison Man Will "Swear Off" If Officials Grant Request.

Atchison, Kan., Feb. 16.—J. C. Wall was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$15, for appearing as a witness in the trial of a while catcatcher, five days ago. He has addressed the following petition to the county commissioners to get his money back:

Whereas, The undersigned was subjected to a fine amounting to \$10 by the judge presiding at the time, one Judge Jackson, for appearing as a witness in the trial of a while catcatcher, and was then in due process of paying said respects to such court, does hereby supplicate the honorable board of county commissioners to refund the amount, \$10, or both fine and fees amounting to \$15.

Whereas, Gentlemen of this honorable board, the undersigned has children, much in need of all that may accrue from a satisfactory determination. I do declare that, if this board refuse to refund the amount, the undersigned, will not only refuse to pay, but will always hold in remembrance one and all comprising the board of county commissioners, who refused to refund the amount, \$10, or both fine and fees amounting to \$15.

HAPPY JACK, ALLAS J. C. WALL.

PULLED GUN BY BARREL.

Weapon Went Off and Instantly Killed Ed Fado, Age 23.

Wellington, Kan., Feb. 16.—While husking corn on his farm near Wellington this morning, Ed Fado, 23 years of age, attempted to pull his gun from his wagon by the barrel when the weapon was accidentally discharged, killing him almost instantly. Fado was married and the son of wealthy parents. His brother-in-law, Chester Plerson, was with him when he was killed.

WILL WEIGH MAIL.

George Greenland Has New Job for 105 Days on Rock Island Trains.

Mankato, Kan., Feb. 16.—George Greenland, carrier on route No. 4, has received an appointment for 105 days service as railway mail weigher for the postal department. He has been granted a lay off from his regular 120 days, Dale Michael, his substitute, taking the route, and will begin his other duties about the 18th. Greenland has been on Rock Island trains 32 and 40 between Kansas City and Colorado Springs.

WILL HAVE MOTOR CAR.

Reno County Circuit Rider Has Purchased a Machine.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 16.—Reno county believes it has the first motor car circuit rider in Kansas. The Rev. W. B. Stevens of the Hutchinson Methodist Episcopal church circuit, who preaches at Mitchell and Poplar country churches, bought a touring car today in which to visit his churches and make pastoral calls.

MOVED TO CONCORDIA.

John L. Rogers and Family Leave Mankato for Their New Home.

Concordia, Kan., Feb. 16.—Mr. John L. Rogers and family have moved here from Mankato. Mr. Rogers is now with N. J. Choquette looking after the undertaking. He was in the furniture and undertaking business at Mankato for eight years and for the past year has been traveling for the International Harvester company.

SHERIFF'S POSSE RETURNS.

Four Men Arrested Refuse to Talk About Bank Robbery.

Dodge City, Kan., Feb. 16.—After a futile search for the man suspected of being implicated in the bank robbery at Ford yesterday, the sheriff's posse returned from the vicinity of Greensburg last night. The suspect passed through there last night and for a short time it seemed that the posse

HOW HE CURED HIS CATARRH

I wrote you some time ago, giving you an account of my sufferings with an awful case of Catarrh. I had all the symptoms which accompany this disease, such as mucus dropping back into the throat, a constant desire to "hawk and spit," feeling of dryness in the throat, cough and spitting upon arising, scabs forming in the nose which required much effort to blow out, sometimes causing my nose to bleed and leaving me with a headache. I had thus suffered for five years, all the time trying different local treatments of inhalations, snuffs, douches, etc., with no real good effect. Of course I was greatly discouraged. As soon as I heard from you I commenced S. S. S. as you advised and after using it a short while noticed a change for the better. I continued to take it believing the trouble was in the blood, and S. S. S. made a permanent cure for me. I am now entirely free from Catarrh.

JUDSON A. BELLAM.

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The symptoms Mr. Bellam describes in his case of Catarrh are familiar to every one who suffers with this disease. For five years he had endured the discomfort and suffering, and was greatly discouraged as one treatment after another failed to cure him. When at last he realized that Catarrh is a blood disease, he knew that the former treatments had been wrong, and only a blood purifier like S. S. S. could produce permanent good results.

Catarrh is not merely an affection of the mucous membranes; it is a deep-seated blood disease in which the entire circulation and greater part of the system are involved. It comes from impurities accumulating in the circulation, and as the blood goes to every portion of the body the catarrhal matter irritates and inflames the different mucous surfaces and tissues causing an unhealthy and inflammatory discharge, and producing the other well known symptoms of the trouble.

The failure of local treatment to produce permanent good results in Catarrh is due entirely to the fact that such measures do not reach the cause of the trouble. Temporary relief and comfort may often be had by using some douche or inhalation, but no cure can be effected until the blood is purified of the irritating cause.

S. S. S. cures Catarrh by cleansing the blood of all impure catarrhal matter, and at the same time building up the system by its unequalled tonic effects. It goes down into the circulation and removes every trace of foreign matter or impurity. In other words S. S. S. cures Catarrh by purifying the blood so that the mucous surfaces and linings of the body are all supplied with healthy blood instead of being irritated and diseased from a continual saturation of catarrhal impurities. Then the inflamed and irritated membranes heal, the discharge is checked, the head noises all

cease, the stomach is toned up, the throat is no longer clogged with phlegm, but every annoying symptom of the disease is corrected. There is but one way to cure Catarrh—purify the blood, and there is but one absolutely safe and sure blood purifier—S. S. S. We have a special book on Catarrh; we will send this book, and also any special medical advice desired free to all who write.

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would catch up with him. He managed to elude his pursuers, however, and is thought to have boarded a train going toward Oklahoma.

The four men arrested here yesterday and held as suspects are still unidentified. They refuse to talk. The building in which they were taken to the automobile in which the men traveled into Ford. It was reported last night to have been deserted in a country road, and that they when officers went to look for the machine it was gone.

None of the money which was taken from the bank has been found.

PLAINVILLE PROSPEROUS TOO.

Will Be Bigger and Better Than Before.

Plainville, Kan., Feb. 16.—Plainville is to have the greatest building boom in its history this spring. Seven store buildings are to be erected in the city's two best business blocks. The buildings are all to be of brick or cement, under the new building ordinance which went into effect several weeks ago.

The target of these buildings will be the one erected by the Worley Mercantile company. This firm has made such rapid strides in the mercantile line within the past two years that its present quarters are entirely too small.

Within a year the effects of the disastrous fire of Oct. 14 will have entirely disappeared and the city will have as fine a line of business buildings as any town in northwest Kansas.

These in connection with our new water system which has been constructed at a great saving to the taxpayers, and the substantial reduction in the price of electric light, will make Plainville the first town in this section of the state.

WANT TO BE DRUGGISTS.

Eighty Kansas Men and Women to Take Examination.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 16.—Eighty Kansas men and women who desire to become registered pharmacists will take the state examination for pharmacy in this city tomorrow. The examination will require one day only. It will be given by F. A. Snow, Topeka; W. E. Sheriff, Ellsworth; W. W. Naylor, Holton; C. L. Becker, Ottawa; and M. W. Friedberg, Wichita, the members of the state board.

SOLD FARM FOR \$12,500.

Mr. Dorrance Will Go West and Grow Up With Country.

Burr Oak, Kan., Feb. 16.—A. H. Dorrance last week sold his farm, the old B. Z. Duncan farm in the southwest part of the township, to Charley and James Fogo, 180 acres for \$12,500. Mr. Dorrance expects to go west to grow up with the country.

EWING HERBERT TO SPEAK.

Will Be Principal Orator at Leavenworth, February 23.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 16.—Ewing Herbert, editor of the Hiawatha World, will be the principal speaker at the first annual banquet to be given by the Greater Leavenworth club at the National hotel February 23.

MINER KILLED NEAR GALENA.

Boulder Fell on Him Just as He Was Lighting Fuse.

Galeana, Kan., Feb. 16.—R. A. Testor, a miner, was killed in the Fabienback mine near here yesterday, when a boulder fell upon him, after

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